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Reference verbal discussions at AFBMD between Col. Evans and staff and L/Col. Nadler ARPA on 26 August. This message in four parts. Part one. SAMOS readout program. AFBMD recommendations to proceed with negotiations on the SAMOS readout program as described in the 21-24 July briefing are approved. You are authorized to negotiate with Lockheed on the basis of the current statement of work and schedule for which the cost is estimated by AFBMD to be $143.7 million. Every effort must be made in negotiations to reduce this cost downward to $135 million without cutback in effort. Upon receipt of definitized costs from the contractor these will be reviewed with ARPA. If excessive costs exist a decision will be made whether to proceed on that basis, whether to proceed with a higher risk program with attendant reduction in work areas such as spares backup and/or reliability testing or whether schedules should be adjusted.

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Part two. SAMOS recovery program. A decision to proceed with the recovery portion of the program has been made. You are authorized to proceed immediately with contract award on E-5 camera only to protect lead time. Data on costs and schedules is urgently needed to determine rate of effort for complete recovery program. Request as soon as possible funds required for total recovery program for FY '60 by months beginning September 1959; also total funds required for FY '61 recovery program subject to a maximum availability for [redacted] Show program schedule and areas of work by subsystem with explanatory or narrative description. Request also alternate recovery program breakout in same manner to show minimal effort which will provide a balanced program providing planned E-5 development during FY '60 and necessary portions of recovery capsule engineering but deferring order of boosters and AGENA vehicles in consonance with schedule for high resolution recovery shots shown in 30 January development plan.

Part three. MIDAS development plan. Present schedule for submission MIDAS development plan approximately November 1959 unacceptable. Request as soon as possible letter outline of MIDAS development plan showing schedule, description of major work areas and funds apportionment within work areas for $46.9 million FY '60 level of effort. Recognize non-availability of firm cost quotes from contractor prior 15 October. Desire best internal estimate as to feasibility of implementing reoriented program with rephased launch schedule within funding limitations.

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Part four. Advise dates for submission of SAMOS recovery and MIDAS development plan outline described above.

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